



JIFSAN Internships for Undergraduate Students

<https://jifsan.umd.edu/research/internship-program>

The Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN) is a partnership between the University of Maryland and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Internships are available in many areas, including but not limited to biology, chemistry, biochemistry, entomology, microbiology, nutritional sciences, toxicology, public health, and a variety of non-laboratory-based projects. A complete listing of current JIFSAN internship projects is available on the JIFSAN website at <https://jifsan.umd.edu/research/internship-database>

Eligibility:

- Enrolled full- or part-time as an undergraduate, degree-seeking student at the University of Maryland, College Park
- Completion of two college semesters prior to internship start date
- Willingness to devote ~30 hours/week during summer and 8-10 hours/week during spring and fall semester
- Foreign Nationals: In order to gain access to FDA facilities, individuals must be able to pass a background check that is predicated upon their residency in the U.S. for three full years (a total of 36 months) during the last five years.

To apply:

- Submit a completed application form, current transcript, and resume to Dr. Kaci Thompson at excels@umd.edu

Placement of interns is at the discretion of JIFSAN mentors and depends upon mentor availability and student qualifications (courses completed, GPA, applicable experience). After an initial volunteer period of 100 hours, continuing JIFSAN interns are eligible to receive an hourly wage of \$12 per hour, contingent on the availability of paid internship positions and the submission of a paid internship application. (This form is available online at:

<https://jifsan.umd.edu/research/internship-program/forms> - Click on Paid Internship Form).

Projects typically extend for a one-year period and students who can commit to this timeframe will have priority in the selection process.

Be advised that due to the current security concerns at federal facilities, JIFSAN interns must undergo a fairly lengthy security screening before beginning their internships. We have established the following target date for receiving applications to ensure that the process is completed prior to the desired start date:

- March 15 (for internships beginning in summer)

Applications will be forwarded to the FDA for review shortly after the target date. Late applications (received after March 15) will be forwarded as they are received, as long as open positions remain.

For more information, contact:

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Application

Name of applicant:

Student personal data

Student ID number:

Citizenship/Visa Status:

Major:

Cumulative credits earned:

Expected date of graduation:

Cumulative GPA:

Local address:

Telephone number:

Email address:

Briefly describe your career goals and why you are interested in an internship at the FDA.

Please specify choice of JIFSAN projects ON NEXT PAGE

Please submit the completed **application form**, along with a **current unofficial transcript** and **resume to:**

Dr. Kaci Thompson
excels@umd.edu

Name of applicant:

Please list the projects for which you would like to be considered, with 1 being your top choice.

Available projects are listed at: <https://jifsan.umd.edu/research/internship-database>

1. JIP–

Principal Investigator:

2. JIP–

Principal Investigator:

3. JIP–

Principal Investigator:

4. JIP–

Principal Investigator:

I wish to be considered for other JIFSAN projects that become available.